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Mr. BLAKE—I understood the hon. gentleman to say that he dared me to deny that it was fomented by the Catholics of the Lower Province.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—No.

Mr. BOYD—The House will remember that the hon. gentleman, with his usual energy, dared the hon. member for South Bruce to deny what he (Hon. Mr. Wood) had stated.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—I think I am the best interpreter of my own words. I said that while the hon. member for South Bruce eulogised the Catholics of the Province of Ontario, he was careful to limit it to the Catholics of Ontario; and I dared him to extend the same eulogy to the Catholics of the Lower Province.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Atty.-Gen. MACDONALD presented the last report of the Committee on Railways, and also the last report of the Committee on Private Bills.

On the report having reference to the Bill to amend the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company being read,

Mr. BLAKE asked that concurrence should be taken on Monday, as he intended to move an amendment.

Atty.-Gen. MACDONALD also presented the report of the Printing Committee.

ONTARIO STREET RAILWAY.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON moved that the Bill incorporating the Ontario Street Railway Company be referred back to the Private Bills Committee, in order to reconsider the preamble of the said Bill.

Mr. BLAKE considered it rather a novel proceeding to concur in a report and then move that it be referred back to the committee to be reconsidered.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said the report had only been received, not concurred in.

After some discussion, the motion stood over till Monday.

AID TO RAILWAYS.

Atty.-Gen. MACDONALD moved that the House should, on Tuesday, resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider resolutions respecting grants of money to railways, (already published in the GLOBE) He wished to correct a clerical error in the last sentence of the second section of clause 4, which should read "prior to — day of —, 1870," instead of "since — day of —, 1870."

BUSINESS.

On motion of Atty.-Gen. MACDONALD it was resolved that the House should hold two sessions a day, after Tuesday next.

MEETING OF THE HOUSE.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD moved that the House meet at eleven o'clock to-morrow (Saturday), and not sit later than three in the afternoon.

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD moved the House into committee—Mr. Eyre in the chair—on the Bill to make the Members of the Law Society of Ontario elective by the Bar thereof.

The committee rose and reported the Bill with amendments. Amongst them was a clause introduced by Mr. Blake:—"Provided always, that the seat of any Benchers who shall have failed to attend at least one of the meetings of the Benchers during any twelve months, shall, at the expiration of such period, become vacant."

And by inserting after the word Benchers, in the 4th line of the 30th clause, the words following: "Or by any other cause."

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD moved that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow; carried.

COURT OF CHANCERY.

The House went into Committee on the Bill respecting the Court of Chancery—Mr. Boyd in the chair.

The various clauses were passed, and on the Committee rising,

Mr. BLAKE said that he intended to move, at a future stage, a resolution as to the undesirability of this Province paying the salary of the judicial officer created by the Bill.

THUNDER BAY.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD moved the reception of the report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the organization of the territorial district of Thunder Bay.

The motion was carried, and the Bill ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

ROCKWOOD ASYLUM.

The House went into Committee on resolutions referring to Rockwood Asylum—Mr. Perry in the chair.

The Committee rose and reported the resolutions, without amendment.

COMMISSIONERS OF POLICE.

Atty.-Gen. MACDONALD moved the second reading of the Bill respecting Commissioners of Police.

In reply to Mr. BLAKE,

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD said the design of the Bill was to give more efficacy to the power of the Commissioner of Police, as an officer of the Dominion, and to allow this Province to avail itself of his services. On a late occasion, in a murder case, this Government could not have secured a conviction had it not been for this officer.

Third reading of the bill to-morrow.

ASYLUMS FOR THE INSANE.

Attorney-General MACDONALD moved the second reading of the Bill respecting Asylums for the Insane. He explained that the object of the Bill was to place the control of these institutions in the hands of the Inspector. The powers now exercised by treasurers and other officials would be centred in the Prison Inspector, who would, while delegating certain duties to under officials, be responsible to the Government for the discharge of these duties.

Mr. BLAKE regretted a Bill of so important a nature, should have been introduced at so late a period of the session. He would like to know if any further changes were proposed than the one referred to.

Attorney-General MACDONALD said this was all that was proposed.

Mr. BOYD thought that unusual powers were given to the Inspector.

Attorney-General MACDONALD said the Inspector would exercise no further powers than that exercised by other officials at the present time. Since Mr. Langmuir came into office \$70,000 had been collected from the estates of lunatics which had before been neglected.

The Bill was then read a second time.

ELECTION PETITIONS.

On motion of Attorney-General MACDONALD, the report of the Committee on Bill to amend the law relating to election petitions, and for providing more effectually for the prevention of corrupt practices at elections for the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, was referred back to the Committee for the purpose of striking out the clause relating to the remuneration of the clerks of the Court of Queen's Bench in connection with this Bill.

Mr. BLAKE said this would obviate the necessity for moving the amendment of which he had given notice.

The House went into Committee and having made the above amendment, rose and reported.

THE SCHOOL BILL.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON moved the House into committee (Mr. Lount in the chair) on the Bill to improve the Grammar and Common Schools in Ontario.

Clause 32 came up for consideration.

In reply to Mr. Blake Hon. Mr. CAMERON said there was no change in the permissive power to form unions.

The clause was adopted.

Clause 33 came up for consideration.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said it was not intended that the times of school elections in the city of Toronto should not be changed from July. The reason why the elections were not held in the rural sections was that they might not interfere with the municipal elections.

Mr. PERRY moved an amendment to the effect that there be no change in the time of holding the trustee meetings.

The amendment was carried, and the clause then adopted.

On the 33rd clause,

Hon. Mr. CAMERON moved to amend the clause, so as to leave the law as at present. Clause carried as amended.

On the 34th clause,

In reply to Mr. Trow, Mr. CAMERON said he had no objection to the insertion of the words "male and female."

Mr. BLAKE said the effect of requiring

the teaching of Latin, Greek, French and German to be taught in the High Schools would have the probable effect of closing many of the schools during the winter months.

It was suggested that the clause should be made to read "where practicable," in reference to German.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said that the object of the clause was to bring a good education to the doors of the people.

Mr. McMURROCH suggested that the words "where practicable and necessary," should be used, inasmuch as there might be cases where it was practicable, but not necessary, to teach the languages.

In reply to Mr. CHRISTIE,

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said that no change was proposed to be made in the qualifications of Grammar School teachers.

In reply to Mr. BLAKE,

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said he understood mathematics to be included in the teaching of the high schools.

Mr. FERRIER moved that the words "both male and female pupils" should be added after the word "teaching." Carried.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON moved that there should be added to the clause these words—"That the Council of Public Instruction shall have the power to exempt any high school not having sufficient funds to provide for properly qualified persons to teach French and German."

A discussion arose, and it being six o'clock the House rose for recess.

After recess,

The 35th clause was adopted.

On the 36th clause, relating to the application of the Grammar School grant,

Mr. BOYD said this clause would work unfairly to villages not being incorporated in which a Grammar School might be situated. It would be better, he thought, if the County Councils were compelled to raise the whole of the grant to be raised from local sources.

Mr. RYKERT supported that suggestion, and pointed out cases in which the clause as it stood would work unfairly. He moved an amendment to that effect.

Mr. CRAIG (Glengary) supported the amendment.

Mr. McLEOD objected to the amendment on the ground that, if the whole county were to pay for the support of the Grammar School, every little village in the county would be wanting a Grammar School.

Mr. COYNE thought the amendment would not work well.

Mr. BOYD, in reply to the remarks of the member for West Durham, said that no grammar school, in addition to those already established, could be established except the funds permitted of it, and if the funds allowed it, surely no one would object to grammar schools being multiplied.

Mr. McKELLAR opposed the amendment, as it would work unfairly towards those parts of the county that were at a distance from the schools.

After some further discussion,

Mr. RYKERT withdrew his amendment, and said he would bring it up again on the third reading.

Mr. FERGUSON moved a further amendment that the boards of high school trustees should have the same power to provide accommodation and support for high schools as the school trustees of common schools had or might have to provide for the accommodation and support of common schools.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON asked where the funds would be derived by the board of high school trustees for the support of the schools as proposed. The hon. gentleman would have to provide machinery to carry out his amendment.

Mr. FERGUSON said if the House affirmed the principle, it would rest with the hon. gentleman to find means for carrying it into effect.

Mr. BLAKE suggested that the clause should be so amended as to provide that if the county council chose voluntarily to furnish more than one half, it should not be imperative in the section interested to contribute one half. He also pointed out cases where the hon. framer of the Bill had used different language to express the same meaning.

Mr. CAMERON claimed that the House was coming round to support the principle of direct taxation in the matter. As to the language of the clause, the framer of this Bill did not wish to use the same word two or three times in one sentence. It would not look well to see this in an ordinary production.